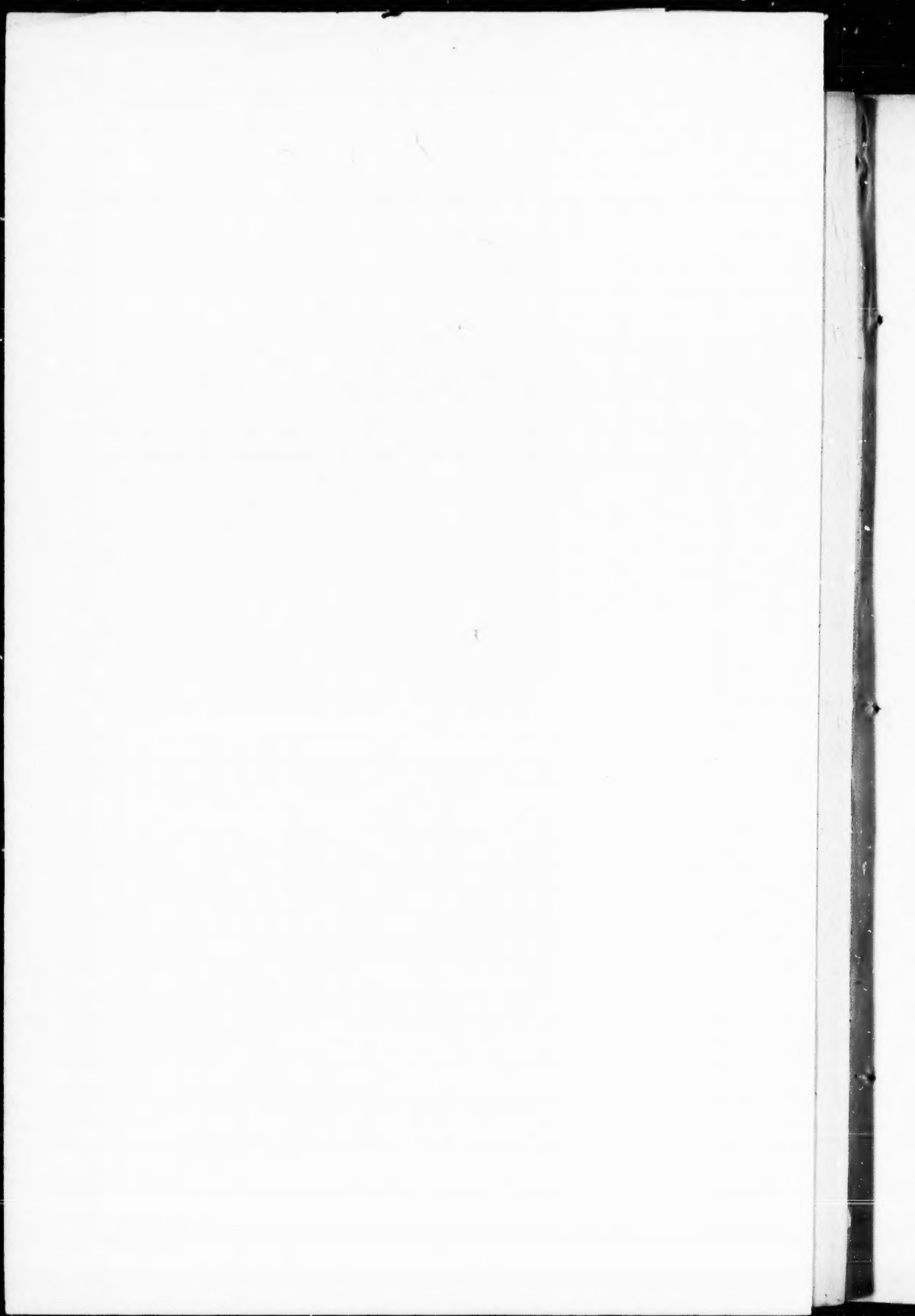




REPORT
OF
COMMITTEE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
ON
COLONIAL CHURCHES,
28th May, 1838,
AND DELIVERANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY.

With Appendix,
CONTAINING
CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COLONIAL OFFICE,
AND
REPORT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COLONIAL
SOCIETY OF GLASGOW FOR 1838.

&c. &c. &c.

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REPORT

OF

COMMITTEE ON COLONIAL CHURCHES.

THE Committee for promoting the Religious Interests of Scottish Presbyterians in the British Colonies, Report respectfully to the General Assembly, that, during the last year, their labours have been more extensive and diversified than at any former period.

The accounts which have reached them from Australia, and especially from New South Wales, of the state of the Scottish Church there, are, on the whole, of a gratifying character, and indicate a marked improvement in the amount and efficacy of the provision made for the religious instruction and edification of our countrymen in that remote region. It is stated by the Rev. John M'Garvie of Sydney,

1st, That the Clergy of the Church of Scotland have obtained a complete documentary recognition of their Presbytery by the Colonial Government.

2d, They have received an assurance that no money will be issued from Government, for building Churches, Ministers' dwellings, &c., &c., as well as for Salaries, outfits, and introduction of additional Ministers, without the sanction and approval of the Presbytery. All communications from Presbyterians on these subjects must come through the Presbytery, who are thus brought directly into contact with Government.

3d, At the end of every year a certificate from the Moderator is required, stating that the Ministers have been engaged as such

faithfully during the year, before any one is entitled to Salary for the following year.

4th, The right of the Ministers of the Church of Scotland to solemnize marriages has been recognised and established, and they are put in this respect on precisely the same footing as those of the Church of England.

5th, The three Ministers in the interior have, by favour, had an increase of £50 per annum made to their Salaries, and one of those in Sydney an augmentation of £100, under a new Church Bill. This begins from the 1st of January, 1837, being half a year sooner than was expected.

6th, The Presbytery have been allowed £160, in name of travelling expenses, which will give an immense facility and impulse to open new stations.

7th, A restriction, preventing the payment of a Minister's Salary, till it was certified by a Magistrate that a certain sum had been paid by the people in money, has been removed, and payment in produce, house rent, &c., which is more easily obtained, and equally valuable, sustained as a substitute.

8th, Assurances have been given that the appointment of Ministers will be made in future only through the recommendation of the Presbytery. They are to report the occurrence of a vacancy, or opening of a new station to the Governor, who will, through the Colonial Office, apply to the General Assembly for a qualified person, and an allowance of £150 will be made to the person so recommended.

9th, They have obtained the fullest assurance that Government will pay half the expense of all Churches, Schools, and Salaries, when recommended by the Presbytery. And,

10th, A Bill had been proposed for regulating Trusteeships, which the Governor had pledged himself to lay before the Council, and which, if adopted, will effectually secure their rights and standing in the Colony."

In addition to the Clergymen who accompanied the Rev. Dr. Lang to New South Wales, the Committee have recommended two more Ministers of the Church, Messrs. William M'Intyre and

George Anderson, to go out in vessels conveying emigrants to Australia, and they have sailed accordingly. They have also recommended no fewer than eighteen Schoolmasters going to the same Colonies, several of whom have sailed in emigrant ships. The Committee are of opinion that the labours of a well qualified Teacher on such a voyage, must be of great benefit to the passengers, and have pleasure in stating that they have offers to undertake the duty from several individuals highly recommended, (some of them natives of the Highlands) of whose services they have no doubt of being able to avail themselves as opportunities shall occur. Indeed, since the meeting of this Assembly, an additional Missionary, Mr. William Ross preacher of the Gospel, has been recommended for an emigrant vessel expected to sail from Oban about the 10th of June.

An unfortunate mistake, for which the Committee cannot account, seems to have taken place with regard to the amount of Salary allowed to Messrs. Hetherington and Allan, who sailed in vessels with emigrants early in 1837, and arrived in New South Wales in July of that year. The correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Governor of that Colony will be subjoined to the Appendix, and a perusal of it will demonstrate the necessity of prudence and caution in recommending Ministers to those distant settlements, lest they may arrive sooner, and in greater numbers than there is a demand for their services, or provision made for their subsistence.

During the sitting of the Assembly, a communication has been received from Lord Glenelg, containing copies of an Act passed in December last, by the Governor and Legislative Council of Van Dieman's Land, for provision for Ministers, and erection of Places of Worship, and of a despatch from the Governor of that Colony (Sir John Franklin) on the status of the Presbyterian Church there. From these it appears that Mr. Lillie arrived at Hobart Town on the 4th September; that a Salary had been allowed to him of £350 per annum; that Salaries varying from £100 to £250, according to the number of their congregations, were assigned to the three other Presbyterian Ministers in the

Colony; that provision was made for the endowment of additional Ministers in all cases where a congregation of 200 can be formed in a town, or of 80 in a rural district, and for building Churches, with dwelling houses for the Clergymen; that the Presbytery of that island had been recognised by the civil authorities; and that the Presbytery, having rejected some proposals justly deemed unconstitutional, had appointed a standing Committee of their number to conduct their ordinary correspondence with the Government.

A Church, proposed to be erected at the Mauritius, in connection with the Church of Scotland, has been offered to the Rev. Peter C. Campbell of Brockville, U. Canada, and accepted by him on certain conditions, which the Committee have no doubt of their being enabled to fulfil. In the meantime they have agreed to guarantee the expense of his removal—the greater part of which, they have reason to believe, will be defrayed by the Colonial Government.

In consequence of the death of the former incumbents, the Secretary of State for the Colonial department has applied to this Committee for the recommendation of Ministers to be appointed to the Parishes of St. Marks, Demerara, and St. Clements, Berbice, both in British Guiana. After mature deliberation, the Committee have recommended Mr. Robert Coltart, Preacher at Abbotshall, to the first of these situations, and he has been approved of by the Colonial Secretary. Two gentlemen who had accepted the latter having successively withdrawn their applications, it is still vacant.

The Committee have continued to receive painful accounts from British America, of the destitution of their countrymen in that quarter of the globe, and the distress to which not a few of their Clergy have been reduced. It will be seen from the subjoined state of Accounts, that the Funds at the disposal of the Committee have been chiefly bestowed in endeavouring to relieve the sufferings and alleviate the privations under which their Transatlantic brethren have laboured, and they trust the liberality of their countrymen at home will continue to afford the means of promoting an end every way so desirable.

The Committee at their meeting on the 6th of March last, conceiving that the state of affairs in the Canadas and the mission of the Earl of Durham, as the representative of Her Majesty to those provinces, appeared to open a favourable opportunity for again pressing on the attention of Government the claims of the Clergy and people of the Church of Scotland to a share in the funds set apart by the Constitutional Act for the support of a Protestant Clergy, unanimously requested their Convener to proceed to London with as little delay as possible, in order that he might have an interview with the Colonial Secretary, and with Lord Durham, and impress on them the great importance of those objects which the Committee had in view, not only as a matter of Justice to the Presbyterian Settlers in North America, who had always, and particularly on the late trying occasion, evinced their loyalty and attachment to the British Government, but as eminently conducive to the preservation of good order in these settlements, and to the advancement of the best and highest interests of the Settlers.

The Convener proceeded to London accordingly, and on his return reported that he had prepared a statement in behalf of the Scottish Presbyterian Clergy in Canada, which he had caused to be printed, and now laid copies of it on the table; that this statement had been extensively circulated amongst members of both Houses of Parliament and other influential persons, and pressed particularly on the attention of His Excellency the Earl of Durham; also that he had communicated with the colonial office on the subject of the Scottish Church in Canada, and had reason given him to expect that the grant of £500 made to the Clergy of the Lower Province last year, through Dr. Black, will be continued. He was further informed that particular instructions had been given to Sir George Arthur, to endeavour to bring about an amicable and equitable settlement with regard to the appropriation of the Clergy reserves. It appeared from this Report that while the danger to the peace of the colonies and the welfare of both established Churches from the unsettled state of this question, is very great, the prospect of its being brought speedily to

an adjustment is at least uncertain, and therefore the Committee considering the difficulties on the subject which seem to press both on their countrymen in Canada and on the government of the country, beg leave to suggest for the consideration of the General Assembly, the expediency of Petitioning both Houses of Parliament as the most effectual means of strengthening the hands of their friends at home, and encouraging their brethren abroad.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson has laid before the Committee certain propositions from the Presbytery of Quebec, for facilitating the education of young men, natives of America, intended for the work of the Ministry. These have been referred to a Sub-Committee, who have fully considered the subject, and made out a report suggesting the method in which it is conceived that the views of the Presbytery of Quebec can be promoted consistently with the complete education and standard of literary qualifications which must ever be held essential to the Ministry of the Gospel, which Report has been sanctioned and adopted by the General Committee.

The Committee have further to report that they have received a reference from the Synod of Nova Scotia, respecting the suspension of a Missionary, on which they have agreed to express an opinion approving of the zeal for the purity of the clerical character evinced by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and of the steps which they have taken to promote this most important object. They have also had the honour of a communication from Lord Glenelg, requesting their opinion on a question arising from the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the colony of the Cape of Good Hope. As this Church appears to have been formed on the constitution of the Reformed Church in Holland, your Committee have found it difficult to form a correct judgment on the point thus submitted to them; but following the great principles of a Presbyterian Establishment, have instructed their Convener to return such an answer to His Lordship's communication, as they trust will be not only satisfactory, but calculated to uphold the spiritual independence of the Church, and to advance the religious interests of that Colony.

The Committee are here bound to acknowledge the unvarying courtesy and attention which they have met with, not only at the Colonial Office, but from various departments of Government, and to state that they have been called on particularly to thank Mr. Baring, of the Treasury, and her Majesty's Solicitor General for Scotland, for the privilege of having the Act of the General Assembly regarding the four Schemes of the Church, transmitted through the post office free of charge.

The Committee have received a letter from a Reverend Member, urging the necessity of their employing a paid Secretary to carry on their correspondence and attend to the details of their business; such Secretary being a Minister.

This suggestion appeared to the Committee every way deserving of attention, but they were convinced that it requires more deliberation in carrying it into effect than they had it in their power to bestow on it before completing this year's Report.

The Committee cannot conclude this Report without calling the attention of the General Assembly to the growing magnitude and unspeakable importance of the interests committed to their charge. The demands of their expatriated countrymen in every part of the world for spiritual instruction and religious ordinances multiply daily. The difficulties under which many such labour seem to increase rather than diminish. Their correspondence embraces every corner of this country, and every quarter of the habitable globe, and the calls made on their attention and exertions are almost incessant. These they have endeavoured to meet to the best of their ability, and trust, that through the blessing of the Most High, their labours have not been altogether unsuccessful. Still they must be forgiven for endeavouring to enforce on the Assembly the necessity of continued and, if possible, more strenuous efforts in advocating the cause of their brethren and countrymen in the Colonies, in providing funds for their relief, and giving them all the advice, assistance, and encouragement, through which, by divine aid, they may be kept sound in the faith, and steadfast in the principles of their forefathers.

*At Edinburgh, the Twenty Eighth day of May,
Eighteen Hundred and Thirty Eight:—*

WHICH day the General Assembly being met and constituted, called for the Report of the Committee on Colonial Churches, which was given in by Principal Macfarlan, the Convener, and read.

The General Assembly approve of the Report, adopt the suggestion of Petitioning, and re-appoint the Committee with the following additional Members, viz.:—Dr. Clason, Rev. J. M'Farlane, Edinburgh, Rev. David Horne, Dr. Eisdale, Dr. Anderson, Rev. George Milligan, Rev. Hamilton Buchanan, Rev. W. R. Pirie, Rev. M. C. M'Kenzie, Rev. Wm. Dunbar, Rev. Duncan Campbell, Rev. William Robertson, Rev. James Grant, Rev. John M'Kinnon, Captain James Wemyss, John Thain, Esq., George Cumming, Esq., Norman Lockhart, Esq., Henry Dunlop, Esq., John Bowie, Esq., John Ross, Esq., and appoint this Committee to meet in Edinburgh on the Wednesday after the rising of the Assembly, at Eleven o'Clock, A. M., and thereafter statedly on the Tuesdays before the stated meetings of the Commission: and on the day before the meeting of next General Assembly, at Three P. M., with power at their first meeting to choose their own Clerk and Treasurer, to appoint, if necessary, an acting Sub-Committee, to meet at Edinburgh or at Glasgow, for the conduct of the ordinary business of the Committee, and to divide themselves into local Sub-Committees, to meet at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, or elsewhere, for the purpose of collecting funds, enquiring after Preachers and Teachers well qualified, and willing to discharge their respective duties in the Colonies, and promoting, otherwise, the objects of their appointment; all which Sub-Committees are required to Report their proceedings regularly to the Quarterly Meetings of the General Committee to be held in Edinburgh.

The Committee is instructed to keep up the most cordial correspondence with the several Synods, Presbyteries, and, if

necessary, individual Clergymen in the Colonies; to co-operate and correspond with the Colonial and other Societies having the same benevolent objects in view, and particularly to pay special attention to the emigration taking place from this country, with the view of providing for emigrants both on their voyage and in their future residence, the ministrations of the Gospel, and the instructions of sound and able teachers.

It is also made a special instruction to the Committee, that they embrace every proper opportunity for asserting and practically maintaining, the rights of members of the Church of Scotland, resident in the British Colonies, to all the privileges and emoluments secured by the treaty of union to the Established Churches of the United Kingdom. The Assembly earnestly recommend to the Presbyteries of the Church, and to all within its bounds, that they continue their exertions, by regular collections, and all other proper methods, to provide such funds as will enable the Committee to send Ministers and Teachers to stations in the Colonies, where their services are required, and to assist those already employed there, as they shall find necessary and expedient, which funds the Committee are hereby empowered to apply to the purposes above mentioned; employing, if they shall see cause, a Secretary, with an adequate Salary, to carry on their correspondence and the details of their business, under the direction of the acting Sub-Committee.

This Report, with the deliverance of the Assembly thereon, is ordered to be printed, with such documents as the Committee may think proper to add in an Appendix, and the cordial thanks of the General Assembly were given to the Convener, and through him to the Committee, for the faithfulness, zeal, and discretion with which the important business entrusted to them has been conducted.

APPENDIX, No. 1.

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS

OF

WALTER MALCOLM AS TREASURER

TO THE

ASSEMBLY'S COLONIAL CHURCH FUND,

At 26th May, 1838.

1838.

May 26th, Balance of last year's Account as per printed Report of that year, page 7.	-	-	£1388	0	10½
Parochial and Congregational Collections received during the year,	-	-	1688	6	7
Received from Societies,	-	-	304	7	3½
Received from Individuals,	-	-	207	11	6
Interest to 25th May, 1838.	-	-	32	7	5
			£3570	13	8
Deduct Expenses and Sums voted and paid as per State annexed hereto,	-	-	£1152	19	5½
Do. Amount of Sums voted, but not yet paid as per State,	-	-	1500	0	0
				2652	19 5½
Leaving at the disposal of the Committee,			£917	14	2½

N. B.—Since the above Account was made up, the Sum voted for building the Church at Woolwich being £50, has been paid, and additional sums have been voted to the extent of £416, so that the disposable Fund is reduced to about £550.

STATE

SHEWING THE EXPENSES PAID, AND THE SUMS VOTED BY THE COLONIAL
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ALSO,

THE PAYMENTS MADE TO ACCOUNT OF THE SUMS SO VOTED, UP TO THE
26TH DAY OF MAY, 1838, AND THE PAYMENTS WHICH STILL FALL
TO BE MADE.

1837.	Voted.	Paid.	Still to be Paid.
For the relief of the Clergy of the Synod of Canada,	£100 0 0	100 0 0	
For the relief of the Clergy of the Synod of Nova Scotia,	100 0 0	100 0 0	
To the Colonial Society of Glasgow,	150 0 0	50 0 0	100 0 0
Towards building a Church at Ormston, Lower Canada,	50 0 0		50 0 0
To the Rev. Mr. M'Lean of St. Patrick's in Cape Breton, £50 to defray his outfit, and £10 for Books,	60 0 0	60 0 0	
To assist in building a School House in Jutra, in Cape Breton,	20 0 0	20 0 0	
Towards building a Church at Ramsay, Upper Canada,	50 0 0	50 0 0	
Towards do. do. at Brookville, Upper Canada,	50 0 0	50 0 0	
Towards purchasing elementary books, &c. for Emigrants,	20 0 0	20 0 0	
To the Glasgow Colonial Society,	300 0 0	300 0 0	
To the Rev. Mr. M'Lean, a Missionary in Cape Breton,	50 0 0	50 0 0	
To Mr. Munro, a Teacher in Cape Breton, Sum put at the disposal of the Presbytery of Quebec for three years, for the maintenance of Missionaries for the Eastern Townships, £200 a year, for three years,	600 0 0		600 0 0
To the Sub-Committee at Glasgow, to defray the outfit and transportation of the Rev. Mr. Campbell of Brookville to the Mauritius, a sum not exceeding £100,	100 0 0		100 0 0
To the unendowed ministers of Canada,	500 0 0		500 0 0
To the Rev. Mr. M'Lean, Cape Breton, for building a Church there,	50 0 0		50 0 0
To the Glasgow North American Colonial Society,	200 0 0	200 0 0	
Towards building a Church at Woolwich, Upper Canada,	50 0 0		50 0 0
Do. do. at Perth, Upper Canada,	50 0 0		50 0 0
Missionaries and Teachers,		8 0 0	
Principal Macfarlan, for sum advanced by him for transcribing papers,		20 0 0	
Paid his expenses to London,		17 10 0	
Paid Rent of Committee Room, Glasgow,		3 6 8	
Printing Reports, Advertising, Stationery, Postages, Parcels, &c.		54 2 9½	
	£2550 0 0	1152 19 54	1500 0 0

COMPARATIVE VIEW
OF THE
FINANCIAL PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME,
For the Year 1837,

BEING THE FIRST YEAR, AND THE YEAR 1838, BEING THE
SECOND YEAR OF THE SCHEME.

In the first year of the Scheme, 195 *Parishes* sent Contributions, whilst in the second year, 328 *Parishes* have contributed.

Increase of *Parishes*, 133.

In the first year the Parochial Collections were	-	£1165	4	1½
In the second year,	- - - - -	1688	6	7

Increase on the year, £523 2 5½

In the first year the Contributions from Societies were	-	£138	4	0
In the second year,	- - - - -	304	7	3½

Increase on the year, £166 3 3½

In the first year the Contributions from Individuals were	-	£44	2	0
In the second year,	- - - - -	207	11	6

Increase on the year, £163 9 6

INCOME.

The whole Income of the first year was	-	£1350	2	1½
The Income of the second or present year,	-	2222	12	11

Thus showing that in the second year of the Assembly's Scheme, an increase in the funds has arisen to the extent of

£872 9 9½

APPENDIX, No. 2.

LIST OF
COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND DONATIONS,
RECEIVED FOR, AND ON ACCOUNT OF,
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SCHEME
FOR PROMOTING THE RELIGIOUS INTERESTS OF
SCOTTISH PRESBYTERIANS IN THE BRITISH COLONIES.

Up to 30th May, 1837, emitted in last Report.

1. Parochial Collections.					
Parish of Dundonald,	11	0	0	Parish of Shettleston,	3 10 0
Johnston,	2	12	0	Rutherglen,	1 9 0
St. Mungo,	2	10	6	Tannadice,	7 0 0
High and Gaelic Churches,				Maryculter,	1 13 0
Inverness,	29	16	6	Newhills,	2 0 0
East Church, do.	7	8	0	Rothsay,	11 5 0
Parish of Kelso,	15	11	6	High Church, Paisley,	13 0 0
Skene,	1	10	0	Middle Church, do.	12 10 0
Kilbarchan,	3	15	0	St. George's Church, do.	10 0 0
Greenlaw,	3	12	6	Abbey Church, do.	1 12 6
Kirkmichael,	1	10	0	Parish of Corstorphine,	5 5 0
Carophairn,	1	0	0	Barr,	3 5 0
General Session, Dundee,	17	10	0	Forgan,	3 5 6
Parish of Penpont,	1	0	0	Trinity College Church,	
Bunkle,	4	10	6	Edinburgh,	14 3 6
Traquair,	2	17	0	Old Greyfriar's, do.	5 2 0
Polwarth,	7	0	6	St. Stephen's, do.	52 11 7½
Frazerburgh,	3	0	0	Lady Glenorchy's do.	12 5 3
Lady Kirk,	1	6	7	Leith Wynd, do.	5 2 0
Kincardine, O.				Canongate, do.	4 5 0
Neil,	2	10	0	Tolbooth, do.	30 16 8½
Nenthorn,	7	0	2	St. Andrew's, do.	27 0 0
Trumisgarry,	1	12	6	New Greyfriar's, do.	6 0 0
Coldstream,	7	10	0	Old Church, do.	8 8 0
Finhaven,	3	0	0	High Church, do.	20 0 0
East Kilpatrick,	9	0	0	Lady Yester's, do.	15 0 0
Kilmaronock,	9	0	0	St. Mary's, do.	17 16 6
High Church, Glasgow,	7	0	0	St. Bernard's, do.	18 10 0
St. Stephen's, do.	10	10	0	Tron, do.	7 0 0
Blackfriar's, do.	7	5	0	New North, do.	7 15 0
				St. George's, do.	55 10 0
				North Leith Church,	22 2 6

Newhaven Church,	1	10	0	Parish of Glencross,	0	10	0
St. David's Church, Edin-				Bothwell,	7	13	2
burgh,	6	0	0	Stanley,	3	0	0
Magdalene Chapel, do.	0	15	5	Tibbermuir,	3	10	0
St. Cuthbert's Church, do.	16	0	6	Aberdalgie,	1	6	6
St. Luke's Church, do.	20	12	0	West Church, Perth,	4	14	0
Buccleuch Church, do.	5	17	0	Middle Church, do.	7	3	9
Gaelic Church, do.	4	0	0	Parish of Carnock,	2	2	3
Parish of Jedburgh,	7	10	4	Parish Church, Arbroath,	5	4	8
Tongue,	4	10	0	Abbey Church, do.	2	11	8
Dailly,	2	13	0	Parish of Arbirlot,	4	6	0
Kirkwall,	1	13	4	Inverkeillor,	2	4	9
Gilcomston Church, Aber-				Lunan,	2	7	11
deen,	5	18	1	Barry,	2	5	0
Levern Church, Paisley,	11	10	0	Kirkden,	1	0	0
Parish of Salton,	3	3	0	Pencaitland,	4	0	0
Lochwinnoch,	5	1	0	Longformacus,	2	10	0
Langton,	10	0	0	Drum oak,	1	0	0
St. Madoe's,	4	0	0	Wester Foulis,	2	15	0
Forgandenny,	5	9	0	Lochgailhead,	6	15	0
Kinfauns,	5	1	4	Sorn & Catrine,	5	0	0
Scone,	5	0	0	Muthill,	6	0	0
Kippen,	2	13	0	Trinity Church, Aberdeen,	7	18	0
Monzie,	7	12	0	Parish of Comrie,	5	0	0
Albion Street Church,				Muckhart,	2	0	0
Glasgow, -	6	0	0	Longforgan,	3	0	0
Parish of East Kilbride,	5	2	1	Collessie,	5	0	0
Dalserf,	2	5	0	Farr,	2	0	0
Glassford,	3	0	0	Strathy,	1	0	0
West Kilpatrick,	8	0	0	Eddertoun,	4	0	0
Drymen,	5	5	0	Beith,	2	0	0
Renfrew,	9	4	0	Allness,	4	0	0
Tweedsmuir,	3	3	0	Eddrachillis,	1	13	4
South Leith Church.	13	0	0	Kinglassie,	2	4	4½
Parish of Dull,	3	6	6	Kinross,	6	6	0
West Linton,	2	11	0	Strathaven,	3	12	9
Baldernock,	4	4	0	Montrose,	10	0	0
Newlands,	5	10	0	Maryton,	1	15	2
Auchinleck,	3	6	0	Dun,	1	4	7
West Church, Aberdeen,	19	2	9	High Church, Kilmarnock,	3	6	0
Parish of Foss,	2	0	0	Abbey Church, Dumfer-			
Kenmore,	2	7	6	line, - - -	6	0	0
Killin,	2	17	0	New Church, Dumfries,	8	10	2
Weem,	1	10	0	New Church, Rothesay,	14	0	0
Monivaird,	4	0	0	Parish of Cargill,	3	0	0
Fyvie,	4	0	0	Cumbuslang,	4	5	0
Turrieff,	3	3	3	Drumblade,	3	0	0
Inverkeithing,	2	11	3	Irvine,	7	17	6
Monquhitter,	1	4	0	Chapel Gairloch,	5	0	0
Chapel Millbrae,	0	10	0	Keithhall,	3	3	0
Cranstoun,	2	4	6	Kintore,	2	0	0
Heriott,	3	4	3	Meldrum,	2	0	0
Dalkeith,	12	13	4	Inveray,	1	10	0
Newton,	18	0	0	Daviot,	0	10	0

Parish of Leslie,	3	0	0	Capath Parochial Association for religious and educational purposes,	5	0	0
Kingarth,	1	12	0	Errol Parochial Association,	6	10	0
Benholm,	1	11	0½	Gask Prayer Meeting,	1	19	3
Dolphington,	2	0	0	Dunkeld Association for religious purposes,	4	4	0
West Church, Airdrie,	1	0	0	Presbyterial Sermon, Perth, —a collection,	1	13	0
Parish of Laurencekirk,	3	15	5	Wick Bible and Missionary Society,	12	0	0
Marykirk,	1	0	0	Ochiltree Female Association,	2	0	0
Fordoun,	5	0	0	Banff Parochial Religious Association,	13	0	0
North Bute,	3	5	0	Presbytery of Nairn Missionary Society,	18	0	0
Pittenweem,	1	0	0	Greyfriar's Parish Association, Aberdeen,	6	0	0
Menmuir,	4	5	0	Received collection at Sermon, by Mr. Candlish, ordination of Mr. Lillie,	33	19	9
Logie Pert,	2	15	6				
Dunscore,	4	4	2				
Haddington,	10	17	0				
Mauchline,	3	0	0				
Inch,	3	0	0				
Auchtergaven,	2	7	0				
Libberton,	5	6	0				
Kilfinnan,	1	8	3				
Bolton,	2	5	0				
Dalziel,	1	10	0				
Stonehouse,	3	7	6				
Crieff,	7	1	10				
Little Dunkeld,	3	0	0				
Larbert & Dunipace,	5	2	6				

2. From Societies.

Leven Female Society for diffusing religious knowledge,	8	0	0
Cramond Bridge Sabbath Evening School,	0	7	0
Queensferry Society for religious purposes,	3	3	0
Northern Missionary Society, per the Rev. C. C. McIntosh, Tain,	10	0	0
Abercorn Parochial Association for religious purposes,	4	8	0

3. From Individuals.

Rev. D. Simpson, Aberdeen,	5	0	0
John Brown, Esq., Rothesay,	25	0	0
C. per W. Whyte, Esq., Edinburgh,	5	0	0
Rev. W. L. D. Waddilove, Beacon-Grange, Hexham, per Rev. Dr. Muir, Edinburgh,	2	2	0
Mrs. Duguid, for Australia,	3	0	0
Mrs. Bett, Newington, per Rev. Dr. Lee,	1	10	0
Mrs. Gibson, per do.	1	0	0
Mrs. Blackwood, per do.	0	10	0
Mrs. Baylie, per do.	0	10	0
Miss Grieve, per do.	0	10	0

APPENDIX, No. 3.

LIST OF
COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND DONATIONS,
DURING THE PAST YEAR.

1. Parochial Collections.				South Church, Greenock,				4	0	0
Parish of Eddleston,	1	3	6	Parish of Yarrow,	5	0	0	5	0	0
Whittingham,	5	0	6	Muthill,	5	0	0	5	0	0
Craig,	5	1	1	Hawick,	4	0	0	4	0	0
Dunblane,	6	13	6½	Elie,	5	0	0	5	0	0
Westruther,	2	14	0	Corstorphine,	4	13	0	4	13	0
Tillicoultry,	3	0	0	Kinnettles,	0	12	0½	0	12	0½
Alva,	2	10	0	St. John's Church, Mon-						
Kirkpatrick,				trose,	6	12	5½			
Flensing,	2	0	0	Parish of Libberton, (Lan-						
Culross,	9	0	0	ark,)	2	11	0			
Largs,	8	3	0	Kilmacolm,	2	12	6			
Blantyre,	8	1	0	Cumbræ,	7	0	0			
Keiss,	1	8	0	Mid-Calder	6	2	7			
Holiton,	4	0	0	Gordon,	4	11	3½			
Collinton,	2	10	0	Kettle,	3	11	0			
Fenwick,	1	14	2½	Tenandy,	4	6	3			
Torryburn,	2	12	0	Houston,	3	0	0			
Oban,	4	16	0	Applegirth,	6	0	0			
Lochee,	2	7	0	Johnston,	1	13	6			
Abernyte,	0	10	0	Sanquhar,	4	10	0			
Clackmannan,	7	15	0	Elgin,	6	11	7			
Moulin,	11	5	0	Bouden,	5	15	6			
Broughton,	1	2	0	West Calder,	1	6	2			
Inchtute, for				Prestonkirk,	5	10	6			
Cape Breton,	2	3	0	Auchinleck,	2	17	0			
North Uist,	0	17	0½	Dumbarton,	9	6	8			
Old Deer,	2	0	0	Carsphairn,	2	0	0			
New Deer,	2	0	0	Polwarth,	3	10	0			
Longside,	2	0	0	Gartly,	2	0	0			
St. Fergus,	2	0	0	Petty,	3	0	0			
Kincardine, Ross,	2	10	0	Duthil,	0	18	2½			
Mearns,	2	5	0	Mousewald,	6	15	0			
Kilmory,	4	0	0	Keir,	2	0	0			
Shotts,	2	12	8½	Kelso,	8	8	0			
West Church, Greenock,	8	5	0	Abercrombie,	2	2	0			
Parish of Yester,	5	0	0	Tulliallan,	4	0	0			
Whitsome,	3	4	3	Kirkmichael,						
Kilchorman, Islay,	2	8	10	(Perthshire,)	2	0	0			
Cramond,	19	8	4½	Port Glasgow,	6	0	0			
St. Andrew's,				Kirkmichael,						
Greenock,	9	1	0	(Lochmaben,)	3	0	0			
Kirknewton,	9	0	0	Lochmaben,	1	14	0			

Parish of Kirkbean,	6	0	0	Parish of Cross, (Lewis)			
Ardoch,	5	10	0	part of collect.	1	0	0
Carlaveroch,	1	2	9	Girthon,	1	5	0
Bunkle,	3	1	10	Cranshaws,	0	11	4
Farnwell,	6	13	0	St. John's Ch. Montrose,	8	16	10
Knockbain,	5	7	7½	Parish of Dull,	2	0	0
Benholm,	2	0	0	Salton,	2	15	3
Erskine,	6	5	0	Muiravonside,	1	10	0
Inveresk,	16	3	6	Abercorn,	3	0	0
Brechin,	5	10	0	Lochgilphead,	5	12	9
Moonzie,	9	14	1½	Langton,	7	0	0
Kenmore,	5	5	0	Aberdour,	2	12	6
Kirkcolm,	2	2	11	Barr,	2	10	0
Lochlee,	1	18	6	Bothwell,	7	0	2
North Knapdale,	2	0	0	Knock,	5	1	4
Monimail,	3	12	6	Craig,	4	13	0
Longformacus,	2	5	6	Hamilton,	2	13	0
Smallholm,	1	14	6	Lecropt,	3	12	6
Torthorwald,	2	10	0	Glencairn,	4	10	0
Manor,	1	12	6	Tweedsmuir,	3	14	6
West Anstruther,	7	1	6	Nenthorn,	4	7	7½
Stow,	3	4	6	Montrose, per Drs.			
Parton,	1	15	10½	Smith and Pater-			
Orphir,	0	13	6	son,	12	0	0
Evie and Rendall,	1	1	0	Gask,	2	0	0
New Street Church, Edin-				Blackford,	2	0	0
burgh,	3	0	0	Inverarity,	1	6	9
Greenside Church, do.	5	15	0	Kilconquhar,	5	0	0
Lady Yester's, do.	16	4	0	Killin,	2	0	0
College, do.	13	7	0	Largs,	7	6	8
Old Greyfriar's, do.	10	5	6	Assynt,	2	10	0
St. Stephen's, do.	73	18	0	Gretna,	1	1	0
Leith Wynd, do.	4	3	6	Schildag,	1	10	0
Canongate, do.	5	15	0	Dalserf,	2	0	0
Tolbooth, do.	26	9	0	Glassford,	3	4	6
St. Andrew's, do.	37	10	0	Carnylie,	1	9	11
New Greyfriar's, do.	5	0	0	Irongray,	2	0	0
Old Church, do.	3	18	0	Kippen,	3	14	6
High Church, do.	46	0	0	Knockando,	1	10	10
St. Mary's, do.	33	2	0	Aberlour,	1	2	6
St. Bernard's, do.	20	0	0	Kilchrenan and			
Tron, do.	10	1	0	Dalavich,	1	10	0
New North, do.	24	0	0	North Knapdale,	2	10	0
St. George's, do.	82	10	0	East Church, Greenock,	5	0	0
St. David's, do.	5	10	0	Parish of Oban,	6	0	0
St. Cuthbert's, do.	17	1	8½	Kinross,	6	2	6
St. Luke's, do.	30	0	0	Foulis Wester,	1	10	0
Buccleugh, do.	6	1	0	Largs, part of col-			
Gaelic Church, do.	5	10	0	lection,	8	8	0
Newington, do.	9	0	0	Monivaird and			
Parish of Rafford,	3	0	0	Strowan,	3	1	6
Hallkirk, for 1837,	2	6	0	Daily, 1st quarter-			
Do. for 1838,	1	10	0	ly collection,	0	12	4½
				Fenwick,	2	12	10½

Parish of Ochiltree,	1 17 6	Parish of Moulin,	12 0 0
Kilmorie,	3 0 0	Collessie,	5 0 6
Lauder,	4 10 0	Wiltoun,	2 7 6
Keiss,	1 8 0	Dalziel,	1 10 0
Carluke,	2 0 0	St. John's Church, Hamil-	
Carmichael,	2 9 6	ton,	5 6 6
Lesmahagow,	1 10 0	Parish of Avondale,	3 0 0
Lanark,	4 0 0	Newlands,	2 13 0
Rothsay,	12 0 0	Wigton,	4 0 0
Coylton,	3 10 0	Portpatrick,	2 0 0
Aytoun,	1 17 0	Inch,	2 0 0
Coldstream,	5 0 0	Logie,	1 0 0
Killean and Kol-		Inverkeillor,	2 15 9
chenzie,	8 7 6	Kirkden,	1 15 3
Newabbey,	4 11 0	Inverbrothick,	5 16 0
Kilbarcha,	2 4 6	Barry,	3 5 4
Cambuslang,	1 11 6	Kinnell,	0 17 8
Abbey Church, Dumfer-		Abbey Church, Arbroath,	5 0 0
mline, part of col-		West Church, Perth,	1 10 0
lection,	5 12 0	Middle, do. do.	3 10 3
Parish of Eccles,	3 13 14½	Parish of Ayr,	14 0 0
Greenlaw,	3 3 4	Symington,	0 12 0
Blairgowrie,	6 0 0	Inchture,	6 0 0
Resolis,	4 0 0	Broughty Ferry,	6 0 0
Kingarth,	1 14 0	Murroes,	3 0 0
High Church, Paisley,	11 11 0	Stow,	2 0 0
Parish of Markinch,	5 10 0	Currie,	5 10 0
Leochel & Cushnie,	3 17 8½	Stewarton,	8 0 10½
Tough,	3 3 0	Rothsay,	16 0 0
Kinnethmont,	2 0 0	Campsie,	15 0 0
Strathdon,	3 2 0	Sprouston,	2 0 10½
Auchindoir,	1 15 0	Kilsyth,	3 0 6
Tullynessle,	2 1 0	Comrie,	7 0 0
Dunscore,	2 3 4½	Tingwald,	7 5 3
Bolton,	2 0 0	St. David's Church, Glas-	
Rannoch,	1 0 0	gow,	12 2 6
Foss,	1 14 6	Parish of Lismore,	1 5 3½
New Monkland,	1 10 0	Albion Church, Glasgow,	5 13 4
Chapel Garioch,	2 0 0	Parish of Traquair,	2 10 0
Inverury,	1 12 8½	Scoonie,	9 12 9
Rayne,	1 0 0	Dewar,	1 2 6
Daviot,	0 10 0	St. Leonard's,	
Premnay,	1 10 0	Perth,	5 0 0
Culsalmund,	0 8 6	Collace,	2 3 0
Bourtie,	1 1 0	Arngask,	5 7 0
Meldrum,	5 1 7½	Moneydie and	
Kilrenny,	1 12 0	Logiealmond,	4 2 9
Strathy,	1 0 0	Stanley,	3 0 0
Cults,	1 16 0	Tibbermair,	3 0 0
Ferry-port on		St. Madoes,	3 0 0
Craig,	2 12 6	Scone,	5 0 0
Forgan,	3 0 0	Forgandenny,	5 0 0
Tain,	6 12 6	Methven,	6 0 0
Forres,	4 0 0	Kinnoul,	7 0 0

Parish of Abernethy,	4	10	0
Dunscore,	4	4	2
Alva,	0	14	0
Harris,	0	14	0
Ardehatten,	3	10	0
Dornoch,	3	13	4
New Spynie,	1	1	0
Dunblane,	7	5	0½
Kirkpatrick,			
Durham,	1	8	9

*Collected by Alex. Webster, Esq.
Advocate, Aberdeen.*

St. Clement's Church, Aberdeen,	5	12	5
Mr. Thorburn of Murtle,	5	0	0
Parish of Glenmuick,	1	15	0
Clatt,	2	0	0
Drumoak,	1	1	0
Rayne,	1	0	0
Cyne,	1	0	0
Union Church, Aberdeen,	4	16	0
Parish of Maryculter,	3	10	0
Logie Buchan,	1	6	6
Banchory Ter- nan,	2	18	3
Peterculter,	2	15	6½
Fintray,	2	6	7½
Monymusk,	1	4	0
Contribution from a Friend, part of £5, per Mr. Webster,	1	5	0
St. Clement's Church, Aberdeen,	5	16	2
W. Church, Aberdeen,	26	7	6
New Machar Religious Association,	3	5	0
Rev. Mr. Macfarlane, Crathie,	1	0	8
North Church, Aberdeen,	7	0	0
E. Church, Aberdeen,	14	0	8
Peterhead Association,	7	10	0
Parish of Tarland,	1	7	9
Durris,	1	8	0
St. Fergus,	2	10	0
Old Deer,	2	0	8
New Deen,	2	0	0
Longside,	2	0	0
Lonmay.	2	0	0

Trinity Church Associ- ation, Aberdeen,	5	0	0
Parish of Forglen,	3	0	0
Drumblade,	3	0	0
Turriff,	2	0	0
Fyvie,	2	0	0
Inverkeithing,	1	13	6
Forgue,	1	10	0
Auchterless,	1	7	0
Monquhitter,	1	5	6
King Edward,	1	0	0

Rev. Mr. Fiddler, Kin- neller, from certain in- dividuals in the Parish,	0	10	0
Gilcomston Church, Aberdeen,	3	14	7½
Parish of Gamrie, Turriff,	1	0	0
Presbyterial Association, Dalkeith, per Rev. Mr. Pitcairn, Carrington,	2	0	0
Newton,	10	0	0
Fala,	1	0	0
Dalkeith.	5	0	0
Cockpen,	7	8	3
Lasswade,	6	10	0

Proportion of Collection at Annual Meeting, at Inveresk,	3	3	10
Ormiston,	4	12	6

2. *From Societies.*

Broughty Ferry Paroch- ial Association,	3	0	0
Chapelshade, Dundee Parochial Association,	9	7	3
St. John's, do. do.	7	9	0
Liverpool corresponding Board to the Church of Scotland Societies, per Rev. Dr. Ralph,	20	14	0
Burntisland Parochial As- sociation,	7	0	0
Presbytery of Abernethy Religious Association,	5	0	0
Deskford Parochial As- sociation,	2	0	0
Portsoy do. do.	2	0	0
Stow Society for Religi- ous purposes, per the Rev. Dr. Cormack,	3	0	0

Presbyterian Association of Stirling,	52	17	6	Irvine Presbyterian Association, per Mr. Colville,	10	0	0
Parochial Association of Cullen,	3	0	0	General Session, Dundee,	25	0	0
Leven Female Society for Religious purposes,	5	9	0	Kirkcaldy Association in connection with the Assembly's Schemes,	5	5	0
Collection at a preaching station, village of Campbellton, Parish of Petty,	1	5	0	Wick Bible and Missionary Society,	4	0	0
Bendochy Association for Religious purposes,	3	0	0	Burntisland Parochial Association,	13	5	4
Dysart Bible and Missionary Society, per Rev. William Muir,	3	0	0	Cchiltree Female Society for Missionary purposes	2	0	0
Collected at Sermon in Buccleuch Church,	5	9	6	Lanark Association,	12	15	2½
Paisley Parochial Association,	3	0	0	Watten Bible Society, pr. Rev. Mr. Gunn,	2	2	0
Salton Parochial Association,	2	5	0	Gladsmuir Association for religious purposes,	2	0	0
Sorn Parochial Association, per Rev. John Paul,	3	0	0	Arbroath Local Association,	2	8	6
Abercorn Parochial Association,	2	8	0	Sessional Association, Dumfries,	7	0	0
Portsoy do. do.	2	0	0	Chapelshade, Dundee, Parochial Association,	6	18	5
Fordyce do. do.	2	0	0	St. John's Parish, do. do.	9	8	6
Banff Parochial Religious Association,	7	0	0	Tealing Society for religious purposes,	2	0	0
Tarbolton Parochial Association, for Religious purposes,	3	0	0	Barony Parish, Glasgow, Parochial Association,	4	0	0
Catrine Association for Missionary purposes,	5	12	6	Kinfauns Religious Association,	6	14	3
				St. Leonard's Church, (Perth,) Association,	6	15	4
				Errol Parochial Association,	5	15	0

APPENDIX, No. 4.

DOWNING STREET, 20th February, 1838.

SIR,—I am directed by Lord Glenelg to transmit to you, for the information of the Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on Colonial Churches, the enclosed copy (No. 81, 1st September, 1837) of a despatch from the Governor of New South Wales, together with a copy of the reply which his Lordship has returned to that despatch.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEORGE GREY.

THE REV. DR. MACFARLAN.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

No. 81.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY,
1st September, 1837.

MY LORD,

Since the arrival of the Reverend Irvine Hetherington, and the Reverend James Allan, whose appointments as Presbyterian Ministers in this Colony, were announced to me by your Lordship's despatches of the 22d February, and 9th March last, some correspondence has passed between this Government, the Presbytery of New South Wales, and these gentlemen upon the subject of their stipends. It appears that Under Secretary of State, Sir George Grey, in his letter of the 10th March last, to Principal Macfarlan, stated that your Lordship trusted Salaries to the extent of Two Hundred Pounds would be assigned to these Ministers on their arrival in New South Wales. Upon this intimation they claim the stipend of Two Hundred a year each, without reference to the provisions of the Church Bill of the Colony, 7, Wm. IV., No. 3, which regulates the amount and the conditions under which stipends are to be obtained by the Ministers of religion in New South Wales. Being aware that congregations had

not been formed, nor places of worship established for the ministry of these gentlemen, I caused them to be informed immediately after their arrival, that they were as speedy as possible to place themselves in a condition for receiving stipends from Government, under the provisions of the Act, and that to prevent their being subjected to any personal inconvenience whilst these matters were arranging, there should be issued to them from the Colonial Treasury, for one year, an allowance of £150, but which, at the expiration of that period, would cease altogether, unless they became entitled to stipends pursuant to the Act. The allowance was fixed at £150, as being the highest stipend issued to those Presbyterian Ministers (with the exception of Dr. Lang) who do not claim under the Church Act, their appointments having taken place prior to its enactment.

To this arrangement the Presbytery and the Reverend gentlemen, who are mainly affected by it, have demurred; but I cannot, according to my view of the case, permit any departure from it. If Clergymen are to come out and receive stipends from Government, without reference to the provisions of the Act, it had better not have been passed. To permit its violation in any one case, would lead to its soon becoming a dead letter, and the precedent of the Presbyterians would be claimed as a rule by the Church of England and the Roman Catholics. I trust, therefore, that your Lordship will think fit to confirm the decision I have pronounced.

This matter has appeared to me of the greater importance, from the fact of Dr. Lang having declared his intention of procuring the introduction into the Colony of a larger number of Presbyterian Ministers, to whom he holds out the inducement of adequate provision. I do not, however, perceive how they are at present to be provided for, unless as burdens on the Treasury. The three Ministers to whom I have referred, as appointed before the passing of the Church Act, and who reside in populous districts, have not been able to form congregations to entitle them to the maximum Salary allowed by the Act, nor am I sanguine in expecting that the two gentlemen last arrived will succeed in entitling themselves to stipends from Government, otherwise than as Itinerant Ministers.

The expediency of declining to hold out any prospects of stipends to Clergymen coming out to this Colony, without any notification of a provision being made for them, under the terms of the Church Act, applies equally with the Presbyterians to Ministers of the Church of England, and of the Church of Rome. But the two latter communions

having been more prudent in their invitations to their respective Clergy, no inconvenience has arisen from any proceeding on their parts. The sums which appeared on the Estimates for the year 1837, (voted in 1836) as appropriated for the stipends of additional Ministers, have been so placed upon its being intimated to Government by the Heads of the respective Churches, that it was expected provision would be made by their communions for the appointment of those Ministers pursuant to the Act. The appropriation gives no claim for stipends under any other terms having been made to enable the Government to satisfy those only which should be legally demanded.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) RICHD. BOURKE.

DOWNING STREET, 6th February, 1838.

SIR,

I have received Sir R. Bourke's despatch of 1st September last, in which he calls my attention to a claim preferred by the Rev. Messrs. Hetherington and Allan to a stipend of £200 a year each, founded on an intimation assumed to have been conveyed in a letter, written by my direction, to Principal Macfarlan, on 10th of March last.

As the terms of that letter have been directly misapprehended, I now enclose a copy of it, (10th March, 1837) from which you will perceive, that the only expectation held out to those gentlemen was, that they should be entitled to the Salaries of £100 a year each, on their arrival, Salaries for three additional Presbyterian Ministers to that amount having been provided on the estimate for that year. You will also observe that the letter to Dr. Macfarlan enclosed a letter to Dr. Lang, in which it was implicitly stated, that H. M. Government could not take upon themselves to anticipate the demand which might be made on the part of the various congregations of christians in the Colony for a participation in the advantages proposed for their acceptance; but that I should be prepared to receive the recommendations of the Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on behalf of any Clergymen of that Church, who might be willing to proceed to the Colony, to be appointed to any charge to which they

might be eligible, in accordance with the provisions of the local Act, which had not then reached this department, a copy of this letter was transmitted to Sir Richard Bourke, in my despatch of 9th February, 1837.

I now transmit to you a further letter addressed by my direction to Principal Macfarlan, on the 1st of July, from which it will appear that H. M. Government have cautiously abstained from giving any assurance of immediate employment to the Presbyterian Ministers who are willing to proceed to New South Wales, on the advice and information received by them, as to the probable demand for their services. Under these circumstances, I can only express my entire concurrence in the view taken by Sir R. Bourke of the necessity of adhering to provisions of the Colonial Church Act.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GLENELG.

To the Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The humble Petition of the MINISTERS and ELDERS of the Church of Scotland met in the General Assembly,

SH EWETH,

THAT under the treaty of Union, 1706, by which the Kingdoms of England and Scotland are incorporated, the natives of each are secured in a perfect community of all rights and privileges, civil and ecclesiastical, and the Church of Scotland, as by law established, recognized as an integral part of the Constitution of the United Kingdom.

That the Members of this Church are therefore clearly entitled in all the British Colonies, and especially in those settled or acquired since that Union took place, to be put on a perfect equality with those of the Church of England.

1. That immediately after the conquest of Canada, His Majesty, King George the Third, gave assurance of his protection and support to the prevailing Religion of the Country, which he found established, and this pledge was confirmed by Parliament in 1774, when the Tithes, with all accustomed dues and rights, were confirmed to the Catholic Clergy; but in the same statute, the Legislature declared their intention of providing for the encouragement of the Protestant Religion,

and for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy, within the Province of Canada.

2. That this intention was carried into execution in 1791, when His Majesty called on Parliament by a Royal Message, to concur with him in making a permanent appropriation of lands in both the Provinces of Canada, for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy. In consequence of this communication, Parliament proceeded by the Statute 31 Geo. III. C. 31, to authorise the setting apart the Allotments of Land, which form the Clergy Reserves, for the purpose specified in the Message.

3. That for many years after this Statute was passed, the Lands thus set apart were in a great measure unproductive, owing to the limited demand for land of any description—and the want of power to alienate them on terms the most advantageous. About the year 1819 a Corporation was formed under the public seal of each province, consisting of the Bishop of Quebec and the Clergy of his Diocese, with power to grant Leases of these Lands, and thus to draw from them a permanent Revenue, which, as is not denied or concealed, it was intended to appropriate to the support of the Ministers of the Church of England in the Colony.

4. That immediately on this step being taken, and as soon as the intended application of those funds was known to them, the Members of the Church of Scotland advanced a claim to participate in the Reserves, or their proceeds, founded on the words of the Statute, in which they insisted that their clergy were included,—on the spirit of the Law applying to theirs as a National Church, unless it had been expressly excluded, and on the Treaty between England and Scotland, in which solemn national compact an entire community of rights and privileges is secured to the inhabitants of both countries. On these grounds it was contended that the Ministers, and other Members of the Church of Scotland, are entitled, in every Colony settled or acquired since the year 1706, to be put on a perfect equality in all respects with those of the Church of England, in proportion to the numbers belonging respectively to each denomination.

5. That in 1819 an opinion favourable to this claim was expressed by the Law Officers of the Crown in England, which has been since acted on in various ways by Government, and its principle is believed now to be generally conceded, as liable to no valid objection, and resting on the soundest constitutional grounds.

That nevertheless, while the Clergy of the Church of England have

drawn from the Fund created by the disposal of those Reserved Lands, emoluments to a large amount, those of the Church of Scotland have derived from them no advantage of any kind.

That there are now in Upper and Lower Canada not fewer than fifty Ministers connected with the Church of Scotland, and a demand for the services of at least as many more, while, with the exception of a grant not exceeding £1350 divided amongst a certain number of those in the Upper, and a precarious allowance of £500 made for the last two years in the Lower Province, they depend for subsistence solely on the voluntary contributions of their several congregations.

That in consequence of the poverty of the people in many districts, and the absence of a public provision for their support, a large proportion of these Ministers have been reduced to absolute want, and some compelled to relinquish their situations.

That the result has been to excite a spirit of dissatisfaction and impatience in the minds of the Scottish Settlers in Canada, the effects of which would have been more serious but for the exertions of those very Clergymen whose claims have been so long disregarded, and whose sufferings are so severe. In proof of this statement, your Lordships Petitioners would observe, that of the few Presbyterians who joined in the late rebellion, not one belonged to a district in which a Minister of the Scottish Synod in Canada had been settled.

That there exists, also, a melancholy deficiency in the means of education, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and especially a want of endowments for instruction in those higher branches of knowledge, by which the natives of British America may be trained for liberal professions in their own country, and at a moderate expense.

May it therefore please your Lordships to take the state of the Scottish Settlers in Canada into your serious consideration, and at the present period, when important measures for the better government of that Colony are in progress, to apply such remedies as to your wisdom shall seem meet to a state of things so palpably unjust in principle, so injurious in its present operations on the spiritual and temporal interests of the Colonists, and so appalling in its probable consequences to the peace, prosperity, and permanent security of these Provinces.

And your Petitioners, &c.

Signed, &c., &c., &c., by

WILLIAM MUIR, MODERATOR.

EDINBURGH, 28th May, 1838.

APPENDIX, No. 5.

Sub-Committees, to raise funds, to collect and disseminate information, to select and recommend candidates for Churches in the Colonies, and to report to the general Committee.

Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Singer, Dr. Dickson, Dr. Lee, Principal Baird, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Ritchie, Dr. Brunton, Dr. Muir, Dr. Welsh, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Gordon, Mr. Marshall, Mr. John Paul, Dr. Aitken, Mr. W. Cunningham, Mr. James Grant, Dr. Clason, Mr. Macfarlane, (Stockbridge,) Mr. Horne, Mr. M. C. M'Kenzie, Ministers;—The Marquis of Tweeddale, Lord Moncrieff, The Procurator, Rev. Archibald Browne, Sir Charles D. Ferguson, Alexander Dunlop, Esq., James Bridges, Esq., Robert Johnstone, Esq., Simon Sawers, Esq., William Paul, Esq., Patrick Tennant, Esq., James Maitland Hogg, Esq., Alexander Hutchison, Esq., Alexander E. Monteith, Esq., Colin Campbell, Esq., James Small, Esq., Walter Cook, Esq., James Hope, Jun. Esq., James M'Innes, Esq., Isaac Bayley, Esq., W. F. H. Laurie, Esq., John Swinton, Esq., J. S. More, Esq., Norman Lockhart, Esq., John Bowie, Esq., Elders; to meet from time to time in Edinburgh. Dr. Welsh, Convener.

2. Dr. Gardner, Dr. Patrick M'Farlane, Principal Macfarlan, Dr. Hill, Dr. Burns, Dr. Macgill, Dr. Brown, (Glasgow,) Dr. Stuart, Dr. Fleming, Dr. M. Mackay, Dr. Smith, Mr. Stewart, (Sorn,) Mr. Dempster, Mr. Sym, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Paterson, Mr. Menzies, (Greenock,) Mr. Lang, (Glasford,) Mr. J. M'Naughton, Mr. A. B. Campbell, Mr. Laurence Lockhart, Mr. Duncan Macfarlane, Mr. Robert Craig, Mr. Allan M'Naughton, Mr. John Macfarlane, Mr. John Macleod, Mr. John Roxburgh, Dr. Norman Macleod, Mr. H. Buchanan, Ministers;—Henry Paul, Esq., J. C. Colquhoun, Esq., W. H. Crawford, Esq., William Smith Esq., John Bain Esq., John Turner, Esq., Henry Dunlop, Esq., Elders; to meet from time to time in Glasgow. Principal Macfarlan, Convener.

3. Dr. Forbes, Dr. Mearns, Principal Dewar, Mr. James Paul, Mr. Abercrombie Gordon, Mr. Charles Gibbon, Dr. J. A. Forsyth, Mr. William Ingram, Mr. James Robertson, Mr. John Keith, Mr. John Allan, Mr. D. Simpson, Mr. Pirrie, Mr. W. Robertson, Ministers;—Professor Hercules Scott, Professor Brown, Alexander Webster, Esq., Alexander Harper, Esq., James Grant Duff, Esq., David Chalmers, Esq., George Cumming, Esq., John Thain, Esq., Elders; to meet at Aberdeen. Mr. Abercrombie Gordon, Convener.

4. Dr. W. A. Thomson, Mr. Cupples, Mr. Grierson, Mr. D. Duff, Mr. T. Clark, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Dr. J. Grierson, Mr. J. J. Wood, Mr. J. R.

Omand, Dr. Eisdale, Dr. Anderson, Ministers;—Robert Bruce, Esq., William Thoms, Esq., Elders; to meet at Perth. Dr. Thomson, Convener.

5. Mr. Muir, Mr. Leith, Mr. Clugston, Mr. James Glen, Mr. Robert Brown, (Largs,) Dr. Charles Adie, Mr. James Thomson, Mr. John Cook, Mr. J. Cruik, Mr. D. Symers, Mr. Robert Lunan, Mr. George Tod, Mr. James Whitson, Mr. Thomas Hill, Mr. George Milligan, Ministers;—D. Maitland McGill, Esq., R. B. Dalglish, Esq., Captain R. Ramsay, Captain James Wemyss, Elders; to meet at Dundee. Mr. James Thomson, Convener.

6. Mr. Stewart, Mr. Clark, Dr. Rose, (Inverness,) Mr. Brander, Mr. Beith, Mr. Flyter, Mr. L. W. Forbes, Mr. W. Sage, Mr. W. Robertson, Mr. James Grant, Mr. Donald Sage, Dr. Rose, (Drairie,) Mr. James Grant, Mr. J. McKinnon, Ministers;—Thomas Balbour, Esq., John Ross, Esq., Elders; to meet at Inverness. Mr. Clark, Convener.

7. Dr. Thomas Duncan, Dr. Burns, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. McLellan, Dr. H. Duncan, Mr. Angus Barton, Mr. George Smith, Dr. R. Wallace, Mr. James Maitland, Mr. M. S. Johnstone, Mr. James Ferguson, Mr. William Dunbar, Ministers;—A. Lockup, Esq., George G. Bell, Esq., Robert Whigham, Esq., The Earl of Selkirk, Sir D. Maxwell, Bart., Stair H. Stewart, Esq., Elders; to meet at Dumfries. Dr. Thomas Duncan, Convener.

8. Mr. Goldie, Mr. Purvis, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Veitch, Mr. George F. Knight, Mr. Riddel, Dr. Brown, (Langton,) Mr. Walker, Mr. Jamieson, Dr. John Cormack, Mr. Peter Cousens, Mr. Joseph Thomson, Ministers;—George Buchanan, Esq., Sir John Pringle, William Ogilvie, Esq., W. C. Rutherford, Esq., Thomas Bruce, Esq., Elders; to meet at Dunse or Kelso. Mr. McCulloch, Convener.

Acting Sub-Committee; Principal Macfarlan, Dr. Macleod, Professor Fleming, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Burns, Mr. McNaughton, (Paisley,) Dr. Patrick McFarlane, Henry Dunlop, Esq., John Bain, Esq., John Turner, Esq.

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